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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shalong Maa, Ph.D.

Application No.: 10/688,269

Confirmation No.: 3782

Filing Date: 10-20-2003

Art Unit: 2173

Examiner: CABECA, JOHN W

Title: "Computer Remote Control"

TO: Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

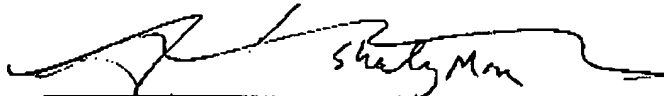
STATUS INQUIRY

The above-captioned patent Application has been pending before the Examination Group for more than 26 months, and there has been no action from the Examiners. The undersigned Applicant believes that the case has been delayed for substantial amount of time.

Please advise the undersigned, via Email (Applicant's "Authorization of communication via internet e-mail" was filed on 10/12/2004), of the cause of the delay and the expected date of the Examiners' first Office Action. Thanks.

Respectfully Submitted

SIGNED ON: 06/07/2006



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## VIA FACSIMILE

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Rapkin, et al.  
Serial No: : 10/303,207  
Filed : November 25, 2002  
For : HIGH VOID VOLUME AND/OR HIGH LIQUID IMBIBING  
BASED APPARATUS  
Art Unit : 1743  
Examiner : N. Levkovich

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June 7, 2006

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**LETTER RE: INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In a telephone conversation on June 7, 2006, the Examiner indicated that she had reviewed the case with her supervisor and that they were re-opening prosecution of this application based on new search results. She indicated that a new office action will be issued and that Figueras (US Pat. No. 4,144,306) would no longer be used as a primary reference, because there is no motivation to modify the Figueras reference in the manner suggested by the

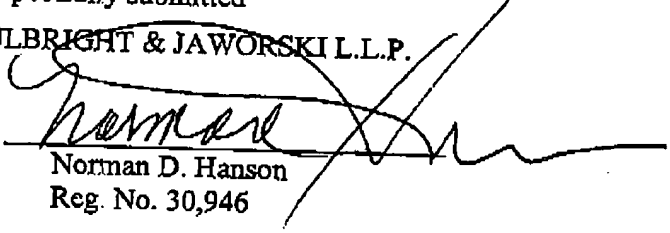
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Examiner's rejections. Hence, a response to the April 20, 2006 final office action is no longer necessary, and will not be submitted.

Respectfully submitted

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